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Senator Mike Nofs
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Dear Senator Nofs,

On behalf of the council and our **more than 100,000 construction workers statewide**, we want to offer our support for Chairman Nofs' and Vice Chair Proos' Michigan-first energy plan. **We whole-heartedly believe Senate Bills 437 and 438 will benefit Michigan's economy, workers and their families for a long time to come while ensuring fairness and reliable, affordable and clean energy.**

Skilled tradesmen and women built the infrastructure that has made Michigan great and earned it such distinguished titles as the "Arsenal of Democracy" and "Auto Capital of the World." The energy infrastructure that we've built here in Michigan over these many years helped make it possible. We are advocating for skilled men and women here in Michigan to continue to be a part of the state's energy landscape.

Utility companies such as DTE Energy, Consumers Energy and Wolverine Power have been loyal partners and committed to the building trades for many years. They deeply care about the safety inside their facilities and have fully supported policies to make sure our workers go home safely at the end of every workday.

These are **stable, good-paying, local construction jobs** that our Building and Construction Trades Council members have been able to count on over the years to feed their families and send their children to college.

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We're optimistic about changes to state law that would positively affect our partners. Not only because our members help build these facilities, but our families and communities use them.

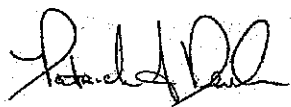
Ford, Chrysler and many other large companies would not exist in this state if it were not for Michigan power. We'd like it to stay that way, with the power to do so being generated right here at home by Michigan workers.

Today, we have good, strong, local utilities in our hometowns that provide thousands of local jobs through construction and maintenance at their power plants. For this to continue, we need a Michigan-first energy plan that ensures reliability for every Michigander.

Michigan's economy is on the upswing partially thanks to our supply of stable, reliable electricity. **We need to ensure it stays that way, and we don't look for shortcuts and shortsighted ways to save money that aren't fair to everyone. No one should get a free ride on the backs of Michigan electric customers.**

Instead, let's focus on matters that are most important to the great people of Michigan. Chairman Nofs' legislation is good and fair policy for all Michiganders, and one that the Building and Construction Trades Council wholeheartedly supports.


In solidarity,



Secretary-Treasurer



President



Patrick "Shorty" Gleason
Legislative Director

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